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FRIDAY 13TH FOR U-BOATS

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announce that Friday the Thirteenth has been most unlucky for U-boats; three having been destroyed. Hunting craft have been able to rescue some survivors.—Reuter.

WAR TO THE UTTERMOST: NAZIS HOLD WAR COUNCIL AFTER PREMIER'S SPEECH

STOCKHOLM. TO-DAY.

GERMANY NOW REALISES THAT PEACE ON HITLER'S TERMS IS UN-OBTAINABLE AND IS PREPARING FOR WAR TO THE UTTERMOST.

All Berlin correspondents of the Swedish press report a lengthy meeting of the Nazi war council following Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

HERONSPPOOL SUNK BY U-BOAT

London, To-day.
The Admiralty announces that a British steamer, the Heronspool, has been attacked by a German U-boat. Her crew are safe on board an American ship. Launched in 1929, the ship was of 5,200 tons gross and registered at West Hartlepool.—Reuter.

NAZI U-BOATS IN THE CARIBBEAN

Washington, To-day.

"About half a dozen foreign submarines are operating in the Caribbean Sea and have been there since about three weeks before Germany invaded Poland," stated Mr. Snyder, chairman of the House of Representatives military appropriations sub-committee, who has just returned from a tour of 10,000 miles of American coastal defences.

Mr. Snyder quoted the Governor of the Virgin Islands, Mr. Kramer, as one source of his information which, he said, moreover, was verified by American sky and naval patrols.

Mr. Snyder declined to name the vessels' nationality but implied that they must be German. He added that there appeared to be facilities for the submarines to be refuelled at sea.

He described the submarines as belonging to a country which was "against England."

It was believed that a larger submarine supplied the smaller craft at night from a distant point.—Reuter.

The principal figures who participated in the deliberations were Hitler, Goering and Ribbentrop.

It was admitted that despite a thorough examination the Council were unable to discover any suggestion of the possibility of negotiation in Mr. Chamberlain's reply to Hitler's peace plan and finally it was decided to take all measures for the stern prosecution of the war.

These include orders for the evacuation of a number of Rhineland towns and, according to "Dag-Bladet," Hitler will probably proceed to the Western Front to-day though an immediate offensive by the German forces is not expected.

AMAZING CLAIM!

Meanwhile the Germans state that they are continually directing naval efforts against shipping and even claim to have command of the North Sea where their warships, it is stated, are also serving to lure the British naval units to points where the German bombers can attack them.

At the same time, Russia continues to dominate interest in the

Wilhelmstrasse where the German silence hitherto regarding Finland has been most noticeable.

CO-OPERATION WITH RUSSIA

According to the "Nyheter Tidningen" discussions are now taking place in Moscow for M. Molotov or Marshal Voroshilov to go to Berlin in the near future or for another high German official to visit the Russian capital in order to continue the co-operation between Russia and Germany initiated by von Ribbentrop.

Competent German circles ap-

BEHIND THE LINES IN FRANCE

London, To-day.

In no way does the present war resemble the last more than at night-time when the front line positions spring to life after appearing dead and deserted during the day, writes Reuter's special correspondent on the Western Front.

As soon as night is well set, patrols leave on perilous pilgrimages, working parties go out to put up more barbed wire, and dig more trenches.

Trees and bushes seem to move, and every visible move awakens machine-gun or artillery fire.

The most astonishing feature of conditions behind the front lines in these days of mechanised warfare is the large number of horses and mules which are in service.

A horse-wagon, for instance, is used to bring up the rations.

Other supplies are also conveyed in horse-drawn vehicles of all sorts and shapes and sizes, and long convoys of horses carry machine-guns and ammunition.—Reuter.

pear satisfied that Russia will remain neutral under certain circumstances, avoiding war with Britain and France while carrying on a lively trade which will benefit Germany.

TURKEY'S PACT

The German Foreign Office is also closely following the Russo-Turkish negotiations and it is stated in Berlin that news from the two capitals indicates the approaching conclusion of the pact which will not exclude Turkish relations with the Western Powers though Soviet interests are expected to overshadow Turkey's relations with France and Britain.—Reuter.

INCOME TAX ISSUE

Sir,—I congratulate you on the position you have taken up in regard to the income tax proposals put before the Legislative Council.

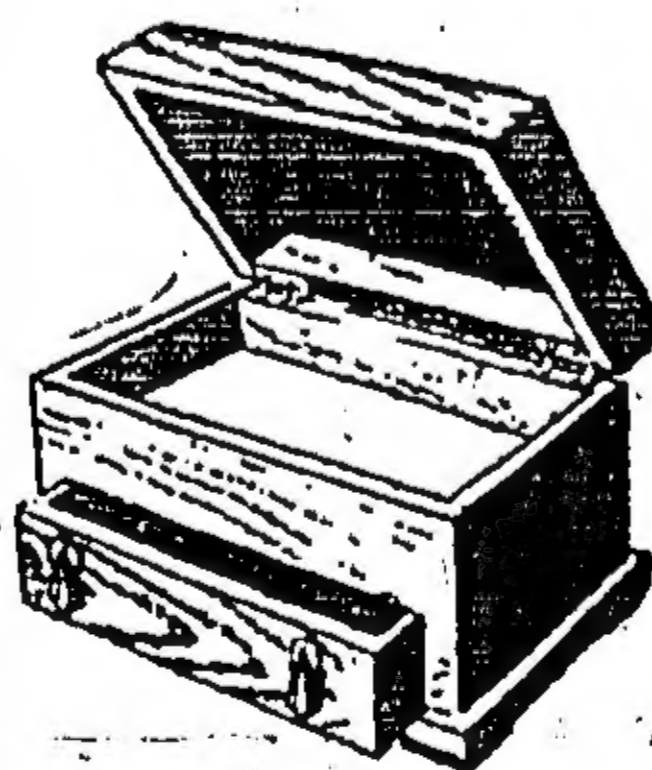
It is obvious that this Colony should contribute to the Extra Cost of the defence of the Empire upon which its continued existence depends. Far better assess ourselves and help the Empire to stand firm, than selfishly sit back, and enjoy the peace and security that the fighting forces provide for us.

The 10% tax now proposed is suggested no doubt by the additional burden that has now been put upon the tax payer at home. He has to pay an extra two shillings in the pound. It is at that point that we are starting. If there is a curb to profiteering it is quite certain that the income tax payers will accept the responsibility cheerfully, which is now placed upon them.

Yours faithfully,

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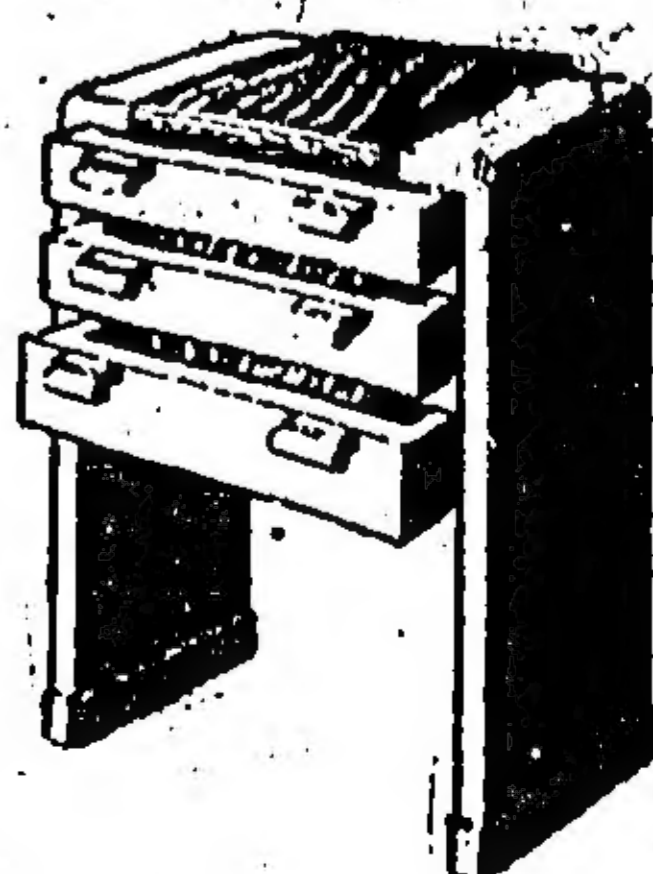
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The Bank of France at this moment has approximately 2,500 tons of gold in its vaults. The Stabilization Fund holds another 500 tons. French possessions and holdings abroad, despite the mass return of capital since November last year, still total between 70,000,000,000 and 100,000,000,000 francs, or about 2,000 tons of gold.

To such stupendous riches in gold bullion must be added the gold resources and foreign currency of the French Treasury, which represent a reserve of financial power impossible to estimate.

Moreover, if the need ever arises, France can obtain either private or public credits abroad. In this connection, the Franco-British financial agreements serve to complement their military and diplomatic accords.

SALIENT FACTS AND STATISTICS

To appreciate the wealth of France a review of the financial aspects of the Great War will tell much.

Between 1914 and 1919, loss in trade, it is pointed out, was compensated for by a special levy which yielded Frs. 65,000,000,000 in five years, or an average of Frs. 13,000,000,000 yearly for the duration of the war.

Furthermore, the debit of Frs. 65,000,000,000 was balanced by a credit of Frs. 37,000,000,000 drawn to the extent of Frs. 8,000,000,000 from freight and insurance fees paid French companies Frs. 13,000,000,000 in the form of foreign stocks and shares held by French citizens, and Frs. 16,000,000,000 in money spent in France by the Allied armies. Therefore, there was an unfavourable balance of Frs. 28,000,000,000 for the five years of war, or about Frs. 6,000,000,000 yearly. To balance this, France had to sell some 1,600 tons of gold every year.

PRESENT SOUND POSITION

The financial state of affairs in France to-day, City quarters declared, thus was seen to be very favourable. This is not all, for the French Government does not intend to draw on its capital and would neglect no means to keep its commerce as normal as possible.

Another favourable aspect of the situation was that the trade balance showed an excess in favour of France when the war broke out, after equilibrium had been attained last year. Then, too, the same circles continued, the Allies enjoyed uncontested maritime supremacy which would enable the French Government to carry out its decision to encourage exports more than ever.

From the very first week of the conflict, the Government excluded from price and profits control exports to foreign countries. France, they added, had kept her best markets abroad with the exception of Germany and Poland only.

Imports would naturally increase to a large extent and exports could be expected to drop for France, while restricting consumption and developing colonial products for importation, would make large purchases of war materials abroad.

The foreign currency that France would obtain through her export trade abroad, City quarters concluded, would be used to pay for these war purchases. The huge gold reserves would act as a reservoir of monetary power.—Havas.

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NAZIS SINKING HER OWN SUPPLY SHIPPING!

London, To-day.

IT IS LEARNED THAT 23 neutral merchant ships have been sunk to date by German mines or submarines besides nine Swedish ships held at Göteborg on account of the danger of mines.

Germany may soon begin to question the wisdom of sinking neutrals because the great majority of ships sunk belonged to Scandinavian countries which are practically the only countries with which Germany is able to carry on sea trade.

Since the introduction of the convoy system until October 10, 1,275 British and 47 Allied ships have been safely convoyed to their destination. No convoyed ship has been sunk by an enemy submarine.

Germany to-day is in such financial straits that merchant ships may soon be compelled to leave neutral ports where they are taking refuge owing to inability to pay harbour dues.

The German vessel Mimihorn (4,000 tons) has been arrested at Curacao owing to inability to pay harbour dues.—Reuter.

PRES. HARDING RESCUES CREW

New York, To-day.

The captain of the American liner President Harding has radioed that he has rescued the entire crew of 36 of the Heronspool.—Reuter.



Reginald Owen as the General who leads the Czar's armies against the Austrians in "Hotel Imperial" at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. Paramount has starred Isa Miranda and Ray Milland in the thrilling World War picture.

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LATVIA'S PACT WITH SOVIET

RIGA, TO-DAY.

LATVIA'S NEW PACT WITH SOVIET RUSSIA WAS EXPLAINED BY THE LATVIAN PRESIDENT YESTERDAY IN A BROADCAST.

He said that the pact would give Latvia security and freedom from the threats of war.

The Soviet garrisons on Latvian territory would be used to defend certain points not protected by Latvia.—Reuter.

AMERICAN RED CROSS GRANT

Washington, To-day.

The American Red Cross has appropriated one million dollars for the immediate relief of war needs and if need develops, makes a regular war fund drive, according to the chairman, Mr. Norman Davis.—Reuter.

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SOVIET'S PRESSURE ON FINLAND: SCANDINAVIAN MONARCHS TO CONFER

Berlin, To-day.
DR. KALLIO, PRESIDENT of Finland, has issued a decree placing the police and provincial administrations under emergency law, reports the German News Agency.
 It is emphasised that this does not mean the proclamation of a state of siege. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.
 According to news from Helsinki, optimism on the outcome of the Moscow talks is growing.
 Interviewed, Dr. Erko, the Finnish Foreign Minister, said: "News of the demarches from Sweden, Denmark and Norway, has been received with great satisfaction in Finland." — Reuter.

STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE
Berlin, To-day.
 The King of Sweden has invited the Danish and Norwegian sovereigns and the President of Finland to a conference at Stockholm on Wednesday, according to a German News Agency announcement.
 The announcement adds that the invitation has been accepted and they will be accompanied by their Foreign Ministers. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT ON U.S. DEMARCHE
Washington, To-day.
 President Roosevelt described the American representations to the U.S.S.R. regarding Finland as merely an expression of American interest, in the hope that nothing would be done to disturb the peaceful relations in the Baltic or the independence of Finland.
 The representations should not be construed as a pressure move by the United States.
 Mr. Roosevelt added that there had been no official word from the German Government regarding an informal peace bid and there was no comment to make. — Reuter.

SECRECY SAFER
London, To-day.
 A Helsinki Foreign Office statement says that the Moscow talks between

Finland and the Soviet are being followed with calmness but it is not in the best interests to reveal details at this stage. — Reuter.

UNANIMOUS VIEWS
New York, To-day.
 The "New York Times" says that Washington's diplomatic action on behalf of Finland reflects the unanimous sentiments of the American people. — Reuter.

TALKS RENEWED
 The talks between Finland and Soviet Russia, were resumed at 2 p.m. yesterday. — Reuter.

CONTINUATION OF TALKS
Helsingfors, To-day.
 An official announcement yesterday stated that the situation was regarded as serious, but that the Soviet proposals were such as to make possible a continuation of the talks. — Reuter.

MEMORANDUM NOT ULTIMATUM

Stockholm, To-day.
 Questioned about the Russian demands to Finland, the Finnish information office here merely said that the Finnish delegation to Moscow had received a memorandum but not an ultimatum from Stalin.
 The Finnish Foreign Office was working until early this morning decoding and studying a dispatch that arrived from M. Paasilivi late on Thursday night.
 Russian pressure is believed to have been the reason for Germany's refusal to relay to America the broadcast on Thursday night by Dr. Erko, according to reports from Helsingfors. — Reuter.

INTERNMENT IN INDIA

London, To-day.
 Out of 1,500 Germans in India, 950 have been arrested for internment, it is officially stated.
 Women, and children under 16 years of age, have not been arrested.
 Where an interned husband is unable to provide for his family outside, generous allowances have been made to them. — Reuter.

WIRELESS OPERATOR'S HEROISM RECOGNISED

London, To-day.
THE "GAZETTE" announces the award of the Medal of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire to James Gordon Melville Turner, the radio officer of the s.s. Mannaar for gallantry.

A submarine attacked the steamer without warning. About ten shots were fired and the ship was abandoned.
 Rapid shrapnel followed and some of the men in the boats were injured.
 Turner was inadvertently left on board the Mannaar with two injured members of the native crew. He refused to leave the ship until they could be rescued.
BLOWN TO PIECES
 He tried to lower a lifeboat, but the craft crashed into the water and filled.

AMERICA MORE SATISFIED

Helsinki, To-day.
 American circles here declare that when the Ambassador made the demarche to Moscow he gained the impression that Russia desired to reach a settlement with Finland by friendly discussion.

"Allehandia" quotes the Moscow correspondent of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" for a statement that the first Soviet demands were moderate though including a request for co-operation in administering the Aaland Islands. — Reuter.

CAPE NORTE DISGUISED

London, To-day.
 The Admiralty announces that the German merchantman Cap Norte, which has been captured, had her name repainted "Ancona" and that a large Swedish flag was painted on her side. — Reuter.
 *** The Cap Norte, 13,615 tons gross, was launched at Hamburg in 1922. She is 500 long, with a breadth of 64 feet and a depth of 39 feet. She has four decks.

GERMANS ORDERED TO SCUTTLE SHIPS TO AVOID CAPTURE

London, To-day.
 Confirmation has been received of a report that German merchantships have orders to scuttle themselves rather than be captured by the British Navy. — Reuter.

PRICE CONTROL IN THE COLONIES

London, To-day.
 In Kenya and Uganda, a system controlling butter, sugar, maize, rice and flour has been put into force which will limit producers' prices to a reasonable figure. — Reuter.

ANOTHER NAZI AIR CASUALTY

Copenhagen, To-day.
 Four German airmen, three of whom were commissioned officers, were landed from a Danish ship on the west coast of Denmark yesterday.
 They came down in the North Sea after their machine was "damaged", they said.
 They hope to be able to return to Germany, as they were picked up outside Danish territorial waters. — Reuter.

U.S. SHIPS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO HONG KONG

Washington, To-day.
Democrat and Republican Senators have worked out an agreement to relax the shipping provisions of the Neutrality Act dealing with belligerent nations and their overseas possessions.

Several Senators maintained that the present provisions would practically banish American shipping from the seas.

It is suggested that there should be a number of "safe areas"—which might be restricted if they became dangerous. — Reuter.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject: "Doctrine Of Atonement"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow, October 15th will be "Doctrine of Atonement."

The Golden Text will be:—"If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous." (1 John, 2:1).

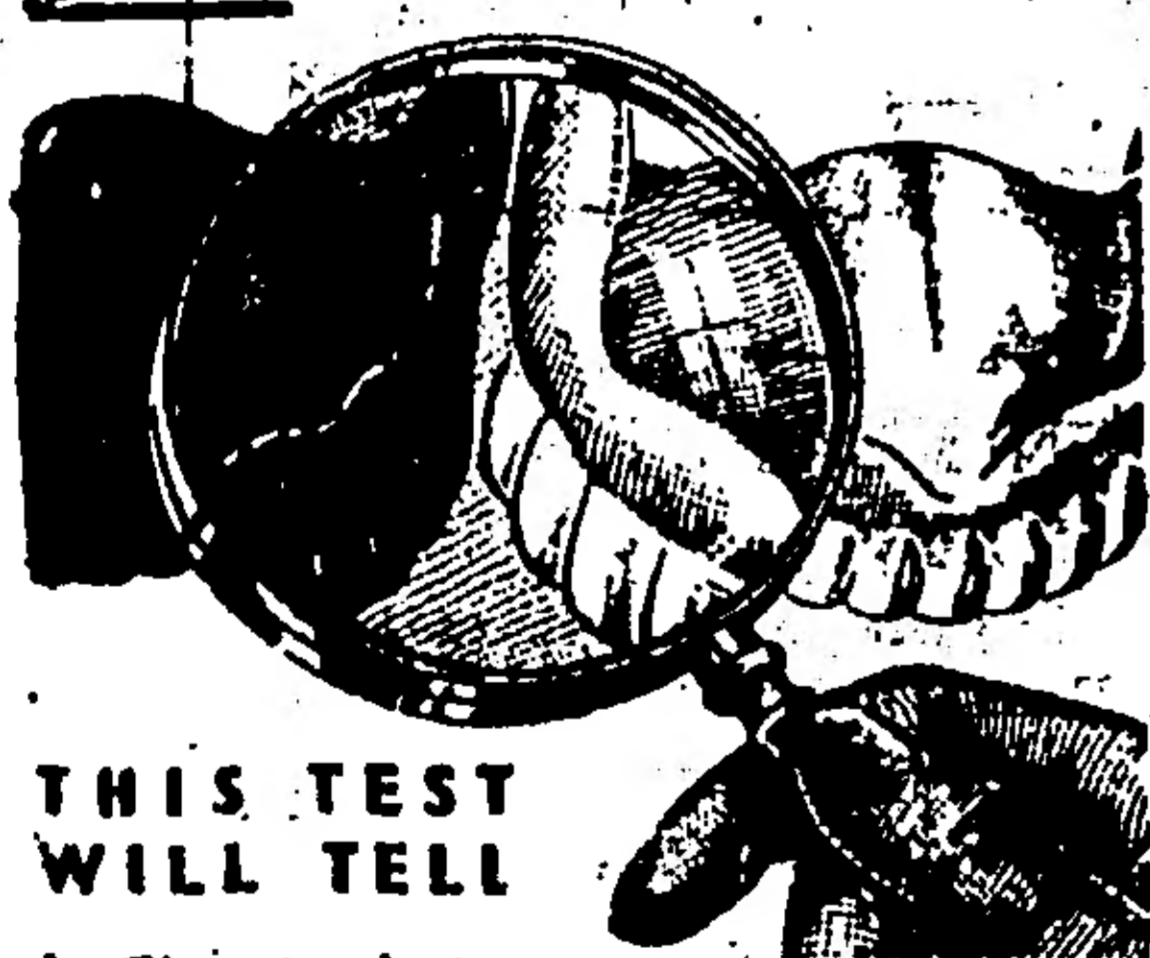
Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (Isa. 53, 3, 5; John 15:13).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy:—"Jesus bore our infirmities; he knew the error of mortal belief, and with his stripes (the rejection of error) we are healed." Despised and rejected of men, returning blessing for cursing, he taught mortals the opposite of themselves, even the nature of God; and when error felt the power of Truth, the scourge and the cross awaited the great Teacher. Yet he swerved not, well knowing that to obey the divine order and trust God, saves retracing and traversing anew the path from sin to holiness. We need Christ and him crucified. We must have trials and self-denials, as well as joys and victories, until all error is destroyed." (Pages 20, 39).

LITHUANIAN DENIAL

Kaunas, To-day.
 A semi-official statement denies the "Berlin Skatdenk" report about Lithuania's claim to Memel. — Reuter.

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LITHUANIA WANTS RETURN OF MEMEL

Copenhagen, To-day.
Following the Soviet-Lithuanian pact the Lithuanian Government intend to press Germany for the return of Memel, according to the "Berlin Sketidende" which adds that it is expected that the U.S.S.R. will support the request. — Reuter.

SINGAPORE TRADING DIFFICULTIES

Chinese native goods manufacturers in Shanghai have sent a formal petition to Chungking asking that negotiations be opened with authorities in Singapore so that importation of Chinese goods into that British port will not be restricted, according to a Chinese report.

It is stated that Mr. Kao Ling-pei, Chinese Consul-General in Singapore, has already been conducting negotiations with the authorities in Singapore with a view to doing away with the new regulations which control cash remittance by overseas Chinese there to their mother country and limit importation of Chinese goods.

Previous Chinese reports were to the effect that the new regulations enforced in Singapore had affected Chinese native goods manufacturers in Shanghai a great deal. It was pointed out that since the sale of their products in the interior had been limited they depended much on distribution of their cargo in Singapore and South Sea Islands.

Authorities in Singapore were said to have banned the importation of 34 kinds of Chinese goods and the action was taken in respect to those exporting countries which are not linked with the sterling bloc. It was asserted by previous reports that China, in particular, was greatly affected by the new ruling.

CAMOUFLAGE BROUGHT DOWN TO A FINE ART

London, To-day.

THE B.B.C. OBSERVER with the British Army said last night that as a result of his tour yesterday one thing stood out in his mind — the British Expeditionary Force of 1939 is, to all intents and purposes, invisible.

From the air and the ground, they were invisible until one got very close, and this applied to guns, tanks, lorries and soldiers, all of whom became part of the surrounding countryside. To-day, camouflage has indeed been brought to a fine art.

He and his colleagues were looking for a battery of field guns, which they knew were "there" and yet could not find. They could see nothing except one or two men getting dinner and another cleaning his motor cycle.

They asked him and he directed them down a lane, where they met two officers. They were led to the edge of a field and it was not until they were 50 yards away that they discovered the guns.

HUGE BLOCKHOUSES

The huge block-houses are the hardest of all to camouflage but their conspicuousness has been minimised. Huge lorries rumble about under nets with green strips of cloth across them, making them invisible from the air.

One lorry, which bore the name "Lulu", had improved on the effectiveness of the camouflage by wearing a nosegay of wild flowers on its radiator.

He visited the extreme limit of the area, where the mainstay of the defence is in pill-boxes which are really small forts.

HIT-PROOF?

They are proof against practically any kind of direct hit and their gun apertures give a wide field of fire. They can put up a blast of fire which will come as a very nasty shock to tank commanders.

Water is pumped up from the ground and there is a generous supply of food. They can hold out as long as ammunition and rations hold out.

Even the smaller pill-boxes are fitted with anti-tank guns.

He had hoped that he would not have to refer to the "splendid spirit of the British Tommy," but yesterday he surrendered. He came back impress-

ed with the cheerful optimism of the British Army, all the way down from the Colonel to the famous P.B.I. sitting over a fire cooking a meal with their faces as solemn as owls. "They don't think they'll win—they know it!"

TRIBUTE TO FRENCH

He paid a similar tribute to the French and most of all to the civilians in whose area the sector is, and who handed over cheerfully their homes to "Les Anglais" for billets and headquarters.

To-day, they are trying to carry on as though nothing has happened, the women even walking around the gun emplacements to gather their vegetables! — Reuter.

NO VATICAN ACTION LIKELY

London, To-day.
Reports from circles in close touch with the Vatican state that there is no indication of any disposition to advocate peace negotiations on the basis of Hitler's speech.

GERMANY PERTURBED BY LOSSES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN ADMIRALTY ARE EVIDENTLY GROWING CONCERNED AT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF U-BOATS THAT FAIL TO RETURN TO GERMANY AND IN A RECENT PROPAGANDA LEAFLET TRIED TO DRAW THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY BY REPROACHING THEM FOR THEIR OFFICIAL RETICENCE.

The British Admiralty has excellent reasons for keeping Germany guessing the fate of her missing submarines.

The Admiralty will from time to time lift the curtain on these occurrences if it has any special feature of interest, as for instance, the "sauve qui peut" in a recently captured U-boat, which it was observed, was led by the Nazi captain, who headed the rush for safety out of the conning tower, leaving the crew to find their way out as best they could. — Reuter.

GERMAN RUN-OUT OF THE BALTIC STATES

London, To-day.

ALTHOUGH RUSSIAN action is of course indefensible, Germany is most blamed for what is happening in the Baltic states and Finland.

Germany has led these countries to look upon her as their chief protection against Communism. She has now left them entirely at the mercy of Russia, thereby providing further proof of her treachery towards those with whom she professes friendship and of the hollowness of her pretention that she controls the Baltic.

Soviet bases in the Baltic states and Finland will be more a threat to Germany than anyone else.

It is clearly necessary rather than choice that has made Germany thus abandon the Eastern Baltic to Russia.

As regards the evacuation of Germans and German Balts from the Baltic states only a small proportion of these people are Nazi by conviction.

They are faced with the choice of Bolshevism or return to the Reich and they prefer the latter alternative being racially German.

CYNICAL ABANDONMENT

The return of Balts is yet another sign of German weakness and treachery.

Germany has in the past always claimed the Baltic states as within her sphere of cultural influence.

She is now cynically abandoning them to Russia and meeting out to considerable German minorities there the same treatment as she has accorded the Tyrolese. — Reuter.

IN THE "GAZETTE"

The following appointments, etc. are gazetted:—

Miss May Wong to be a Public Vaccinator.

Miss Doris Chan to be a Public Vaccinator.

Mr. J. P. Sherry to be temporarily Captain in the H.K.V.D.C.

Sergt. D. L. Prophet to be 2nd Lieut. in the H.K.V.D.C.

Col. L. G. Bird resigned his commission in the H.K.V.D.C.

Miss A. M. M. E. Halliday to be a Masseuse.

Mr. A. J. C. Taylor to act as Accountant-General.

Mr. W. C. Walker to be an Inspector of Schools.

Messrs. J. Jackson and H. C. F. Dawes to be Acting Sub-Lieutenants in the H.K.V.N.F.

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HITLER PUT AGAINST THE WALL: WITH NO WAY OF ESCAPE, DECLARE FRENCH

London, To-day.

HERE ARE SOME of the world's reactions to Mr. Chamberlain's speech:-

The German press, as was not unexpected, was uniformly bitter and abusive.

Dr. Dietrich, head of the Press Bureau, said in an interview after a two-hour conference with Hitler that only the United States could now intervene to prevent the most horrible shambles in history.

Britain had not taken any notice of Hitler's proposals because she relied on the United States for assistance. The United States must tell her there would be no help unless she was prepared to settle all disputes with a conference.

Every German, he said, was "furious" with Mr. Chamberlain's speech. Hitler would, even now, withhold the order for a gigantic campaign on the Western Front if there were any indications that President Roosevelt would instruct Chamberlain to meet Hitler at a conference.

"SILLIEST"

Chamberlain's speech, he went on, was the "silliest" he had ever heard from a statesman! It showed no high outlook and no grip of the world situation and merely expressed Chamberlain's desire to exterminate the German nation!

In Paris, "L'Oeuvre" says that if Hitler thought to disunite Britain and France he can to-day take account of his error.

"Petit Parisien" says that the speeches of M. Daladier and Mr. Chamberlain put Hitler up against the wall, a position from which there is no escape.

NO AMBIGUITY

Pertinax, in "L'Ordre," praises Mr. Chamberlain for avoiding the slightest ambiguity.

In Australia, the "Melbourne Herald" says that Mr. Chamberlain's answer was complete and convincing, while the "Sydney Sun" says that he gave, with dignity and clarity, Britain's answer to Hitler's suggestion that peace should be on the terms of a fait accompli.

In South Africa, the "Cape Times" says that Mr. Chamberlain spoke for the whole British Empire.

WITHOUT QUIBBLING

In Canada, the "Toronto Globe" says that Mr. Chamberlain spoke without quibbling and unless and until the German Government can provide positive assurances that they will live in peace with the world the Allies have no alternative but to continue the war. Mr. Chamberlain's speech had the unqualified support of every party in the House of Commons and in the Empire.

In America, the "New York Times" and the "New York Herald Tribune" announce under 8-column headings that Hitler has now ordered the war in earnest.

The "New York Herald Tribune," after praising the way in which Mr. Chamberlain spoke, says that Hitler has never offered peace.

SIT TIGHT

The "Chicago Daily News" says that it would appear that the Allies prefer to sit tight, as that is one thing that Hitler cannot do, with the hope of compelling him to do something foolish, to make a mistake.

In the other neutral countries:- There was slight comment in Italy and Hungary, again on the possibilities on peace through the office of the neutral powers.

The Scandinavian press examines the speech in the light of recent developments in the Baltic, while the Russian press gives a terse summary, with no comment.—Reuter.

TURKISH APPROVAL

Istanbul, To-day.

The Turkish press unanimously throws the responsibility for a decision on peace or war upon Hitler.

It is said that Mr. Chamberlain propounded the essential condition for peace and declares that Britain and France are determined to eradicate the possibility of aggression against smaller states and re-install an era of mutual confidence and security.—Reuter.

EMPIRE'S RESOLVE

CAPETOWN, TO-DAY.

THE "CAPE TIMES" ASSERTS THAT THE IMMENSE MORAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT THE ALLIES WERE RECEIVING FROM ALL STATES OF THE COMMONWEALTH, HAS UNDOUBTEDLY FORTIFIED THEIR RESOLUTION.

Mr. Chamberlain's statement of the issues at stake will also be great fortification to the Dominions Governments.

The Afrikans newspaper "Die Burger" expresses the opinion that Mr. Chamberlain has not closed the door to peace.—Reuter.

FRENCH TANKER RAMS U-BOAT

Paris, Oct. 5.

"I was on the bridge at 6.30 p.m. when suddenly my ship struck something with a rending sound, followed by a terrific explosion," the captain of a French oil-tanker said this evening upon landing after a thrilling encounter with a German submarine, which he believed he had rammed unwittingly.

"My ship shaken and reeled," he narrated. "An enormous column of water spouted up at the side of the tanker and showered the main deck, while a layer of oil spread over the sea, coming up with strong bubbles of air."

The tanker's captain explained that the incident occurred when he was sailing through a region which he believed to be patrolled by German U-Boats. To throw the possible attackers off his track, he said, he had adopted a zig-zag course, during which he struck what he thought to be a submarine.

Naval experts did not discredit the captain's report for they declared the ramming was quite easy to understand. Submarines, they pointed out, did not as a rule leave their periscopes above sea level when waiting for their prey. Periscopes were shown only, at intervals and, once an objective was sighted, U-boats again lowered them and proceeded underwater to a position from where they intended to launch their torpedoes. If, during their underwater trip, the surface vessel changed its course, the submarines were out of luck. Sometimes, the experts concluded, if a submarine did not take care, it could be rammed by a zig-zagging ship while it was sliding sightless through the water into an attacking position.—Havas.

GERMANY DENIES APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT

Berlin, To-day.

Reports that Germany has appealed for mediation by President Roosevelt are denied by the German News Agency.

"Such an appeal was neither made nor contemplated,"—Reuter.

NEW YORK AGAINST MEDIATION

New York, Oct. 9.

The press here this morning again failed to place any faith in the reports that President Roosevelt would agree to mediate in the European conflict if requested to do so by Germany.

Under the title of "No Mediation," the "New York Herald-Tribune" to-day published an article in which it was pointed out that the United States cannot at present play a useful part in stopping the European war, the more so since "a nation asking for the mediation of a great neutral Power is attempting thus to compel this neutral power to side with her. To act as mediator means to intervene or at least to be placed in between two warring parties. The American people will certainly not throw themselves into the thick of the fight."

NAZIS OVER-CONFIDENT

The "New York Times" declared that according to cables from Germany, Government quarters in Berlin "are supremely confident" that the terms Herr Hitler proposed may be used by the Allies or by a neutral mediator as a basis for negotiations with a view to ending the war.

"It is possible that this confidence is misplaced," the paper added. "Hitler always under-estimated the power of determination of Britain and France. It is also possible that this show of confidence is destined for domestic consumption for if the war continues then Hitler will have to justify the continuation to the German people as a war of defence by saying that he proposed terms which, had they been accepted, would have resulted in a rapid peace."—Havas.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

INCOME TAX

In war, large sums of money are needed; and, it is essential that the Hong Kong Government increase the Colony's taxes.

The Income Tax, which has been proposed, can be said to be one of the most excellent of tax systems.

The Chinese community will accept Government's decision; nevertheless, we hope that the burdens of those who just manage to keep their heads above the water will not be unjustly increased.—"National Times," Hong Kong.

NO PEACE WITH HITLER

That declaration forms at once a statement of our war aims and of our peace aims; this is the fight to end conditions in which peace was to be enforced by the sacrifice of Poland to the arrogant rapacity of her neighbour, and to secure "a return to decency in international relations." As the Prime Minister said in his broadcast to the German people on Sept. 4, "Hitler's word is for us not worth the paper it is written on." That is why Britain and France will not enter into any peace negotiations with him.

If it could only reach the ears and eyes of those whom it is most likely to benefit—the German public whom Britain seeks to undeceive—its effect might be prodigious. It will at least avail to disperse any hope that treacherous peace mines would ambush the Allies. A very striking parallel with the present British declaration may be found in the annals of the Great War, and it will be salutary

to recall the circumstances. When the German Chancellor made the first approaches in 1918 to the United States, suggesting to President Wilson that an armistice might be arranged, the President's reply was to inquire with whom he was asked to negotiate. If it was with the German High Command he would have nothing to do with the proposal. No peace was possible which rested on the word of the military rulers of Germany. Mr. Lloyd George in his Memoirs tells the sequel. Wilson's declaration had the effect of "a bombshell on German public opinion and set all Berlin talking about the possible abdication of the Kaiser." In less than a month the Kaiser had abdicated and fled. "No peace with Hitler" must remain one of the cardinal and steadfast maxims of the democracies through all the swaying vicissitudes of the war.—"Daily Telegraph."

OUT OF BOUNDS

The United States would be conspicuously stepping out of bounds if she should join Chancellor Hitler's "neutrals" in harping upon the idea of peace and mediation. Her action would no doubt be taken by the Allied Powers as an attempt to support Chancellor Hitler in his effort to obtain peace at the point of a bayonet.

A peace-maker's job is a thankless one in any event and it would be especially thankless if the United States should pick this inopportune moment to join Herr Hitler in his peace talks. If

a settlement was made on the basis of the existing situation, the United States would be forever stigmatized as the nation responsible for the partition and death of Poland. If a settlement is not made and if war continues, the United States would jeopardize her position as a mediator in a favourable occasion should arise in the future which justifies the use of her good office.

For the moment, the United States must continue to stay on the sideline in the European conflict. It will be useless for her to offer her service as a mediator until Britain and France have indicated that they are in a receptive mood to consider peace and until Chancellor Hitler has displayed some genuineness that he wants to call off his war.—"China Press."

SOVIET GRABS

While Britain and France are preparing to prosecute the war to the bitter end, Germany, with the aid of Soviet Russia, is similarly preparing. These two countries are busy dividing eastern Europe and the Balkans into "spheres of interest." Estonia and Latvia have entered into "mutual assistance pacts" with Moscow by which they have surrendered their independence. In the case of Estonia, the pact provides for the establishment of Soviet naval bases and garrisons on Estonian territory. As a result, Soviet Russia has gained control of the eastern Baltic and the Gulf of Finland. When Lithuania and Finland send their tribute-bearers to Moscow, Soviet Russia and Germany between them will have complete mastery of the Baltic Sea.

Rumania is in a state of jitters, fearing a Soviet grab of Bessarabia. Hungary, as a result of the Soviet grab of eastern Poland, is being inexorably drawn into the Soviet-German power orbit. The Turkish foreign minister is in Moscow to sign a treaty presumably to reserve the Black Sea as an exclusively Soviet-Turkish sphere of interest and perhaps to provide for the closure of the Dardanelles to warships of other powers. In the current diplomatic manoeuvring going on in eastern Europe and the Balkans Winston Churchill affects to see a struggle between Soviet Russia and Germany, with the former blocking Hitler's drang nach Osten programme. Probably so—and certainly a comfort to Britain and France.—"China Weekly Review."

CHINA'S FUTURE

Whereas capital investment in a liberated China would produce as stimulating results upon American economic life as the earlier investments made in the United States did upon the European... From present indications, however, there is every likelihood that the government which will emerge in China after the war will represent an effective industrial democracy... A complete or even partial victory for China will go far toward making it one of the most stable, reliable nations in the world to-day... But after the war, when China is independent and free, its capacity to absorb capital investment will be unprecedented.—"Amerasia."



FORTUNES OF WAR—(left to right) Errol Flynn, David Niven and Morton Lowry, as members of the Royal Flying Corps in a scene from "The Dawn Patrol" at the King's Theatre.

FRENCH MILITARY AUTHORITIES WANT INVESTIGATION OF COMMUNISTS

Paris, Oct. 5.

With the present parliamentary session declared closed in an announcement appearing in the "Journal Officiel" this morning, the machinery has been set in motion against the Communist Deputies whose parliamentary immunity has kept them beyond the reach of the law ever since the recent dissolution of the Communist Party.

Parliamentary immunity is only valid when Parliament is in session, and automatically expires when the session ends.

The lifting of parliamentary immunity during a session is a lengthy procedure necessitating the convening of the Chambers.

Consequently, the announcement that the present session is closed had hardly been published when it was learned that an investigation had been opened into the activities of the Communist members of Parliament upon the request of the military authorities.

They will be charged with having endeavoured to reconstitute their party under a camouflaged name following its dissolution.

Meanwhile, it is pointed out that parliamentary activity will not be suspended as a sequel to the closing of the session. The Government has the right to summon Parliament again and it is thought that it will do so during the second fortnight in November. The exceptional powers granted the Government expire in November and may be renewed for a further period.—Havas.

EVACUATIONS WITHOUT MISHAPS

Efficient Work By Helpers Praised

More than 1,317,000 people have so far been evacuated from thickly populated areas in England and Scotland, according to "The Times."

This total does not include a number of evacuation areas from which full returns have not yet been received. The official figures issued recently are:—

Greater London (including L.C.C. area), 700,000.

Glasgow and Clydebank, 125,000.

Birmingham, Coventry, and other Black Country areas, 50,000.

Liverpool, Birkenhead, and Merseyside, 120,000.

Manchester, Salford, etc., 120,000.

Bradford, Hull, Leeds, Sheffield, 100,000.

Edinburgh and Rosyth, 32,000.

Portsmouth, Gosport, Southampton, 40,000.

Chatham, Rochester, and Gillingham, 10,000.

Dundee, 20,000.

Lord Ashfield, chairman of London Transport, sent a message thanking the staff for their part in the evacuation, which was completed without a single mishap.

"The successful manner in which the evacuation was carried out has been praised on all sides, and to this success the staff of the Board made a notable contribution," he stated.

REICH MAY REVOKE AIR NEUTRALITY

Berlin, Oct. 5.

Although reaffirming the Reich's intention to respect the neutrality of Belgium and Holland, official quarters here were reserved regarding aerial neutrality.

Three eventualities may compel Germany to declare herself no more bound by her aerial neutrality undertakings, they said. These are: 1. Flights over the neutral states by belligerent planes. 2. Inability to prevent these flights even if opposed to them owing to insufficient material. 3. Inability to prevent these flights even with modern material.—Havas.

GERMAN CIVILIANS APPREHENSIVE

Amsterdam, Oct. 7.

With regard to the German-Soviet friendship the confidence of Germans in uniform contrasts strikingly with the apprehensions of the civilian population, especially the middle-aged civilians, the "Het Volk" stated today.

The civilians realize that the Reich's leaders are in the hands of the Kremlin and they now openly criticize the astonishing change in the Reich's policy, the paper added.

The new system of food rationing adds to the general anxiety.—Havas.



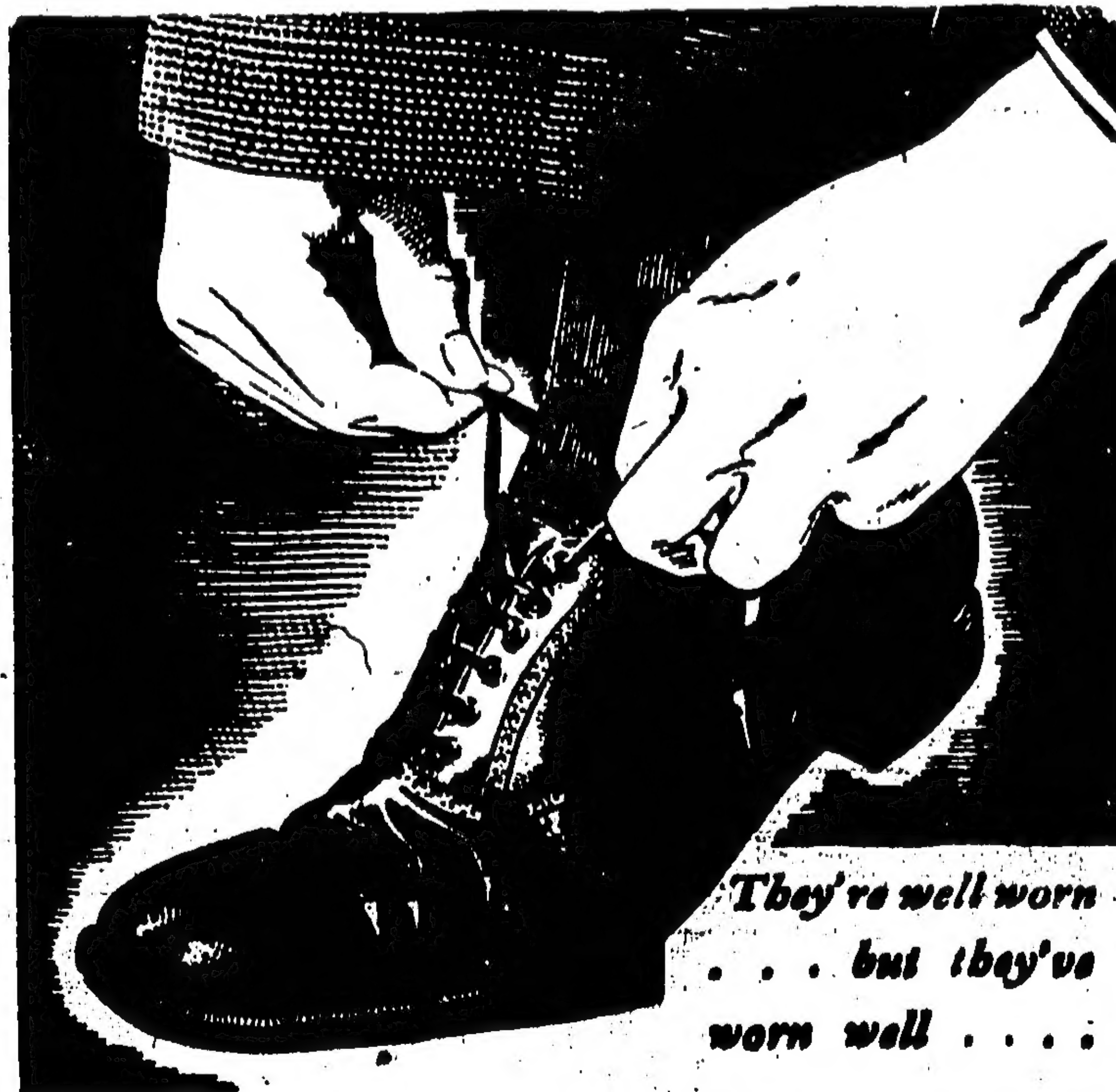
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BRITAIN'S TRADE DEAL WITH SOVIET EXPLAINED

London, To-day.

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 - (a) the sterling balance offered was useless owing to depreciation;
 - (b) They feared that they would be unable to obtain commodities required from the United Kingdom owing to export restrictions.
2. Rubber and tin, of which substantial surpluses are held here.

The Soviet refusal to deliver timber threatened to create a temporary dislocation of supplies pending the resumption of Norwegian and Swedish deliveries and the present arrangement rectifies this and ensures the supply other than via the Baltic.

The agreement has been hastened by the need for obtaining timber from North Russian ports before they became icebound and the fact that Canadian supplies were more difficult to organise owing to the length of the sea passage involving a strain on shipping and convoys.

The rubber and tin exported will be the equivalent of normal consumption from the United Kingdom. The quantity in relation to the total Soviet consumption is not such as to involve danger that it will be resold to Germany.

NO APPROVAL

This purely commercial transaction is due to the exceptional circumstances and does not imply approval of the Soviet policy but it is our interest and that of all neutrals that trade between ourselves and other neutrals including the Soviet be fully maintained.

In the case of the Soviet, any expansion of trade with Britain will represent a definite blow to German policy.—Reuter.

SECOND VISIT

Moscow, To-day.

M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, visited the Kremlin at five o'clock yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

TURKISH AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET NEAR

Moscow, To-day.

The early conclusion of the Soviet-Turkey pact is predicted.

Well-informed quarters believe that the pact will take the form of mutual assistance, with Turkey undertaking to neutralise the Dardanelles.

It is added that that fact would be "in keeping with Anglo-French interests." — Reuter.

VISIT TO KREMLIN

Moscow, To-day.

M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, who has been waiting for some days before resuming the talks with the Soviet Government, visited the Kremlin at 3 p.m. yesterday.

Turkish circles yesterday afternoon expected to see the Soviet Government conclude an agreement last night; they were unable to reveal its nature.—Reuter.



The Captain and First Officer of German steamer, "Ollinda" on arrival at Montevideo. (Copyright, Fox).

Bringing Up Father



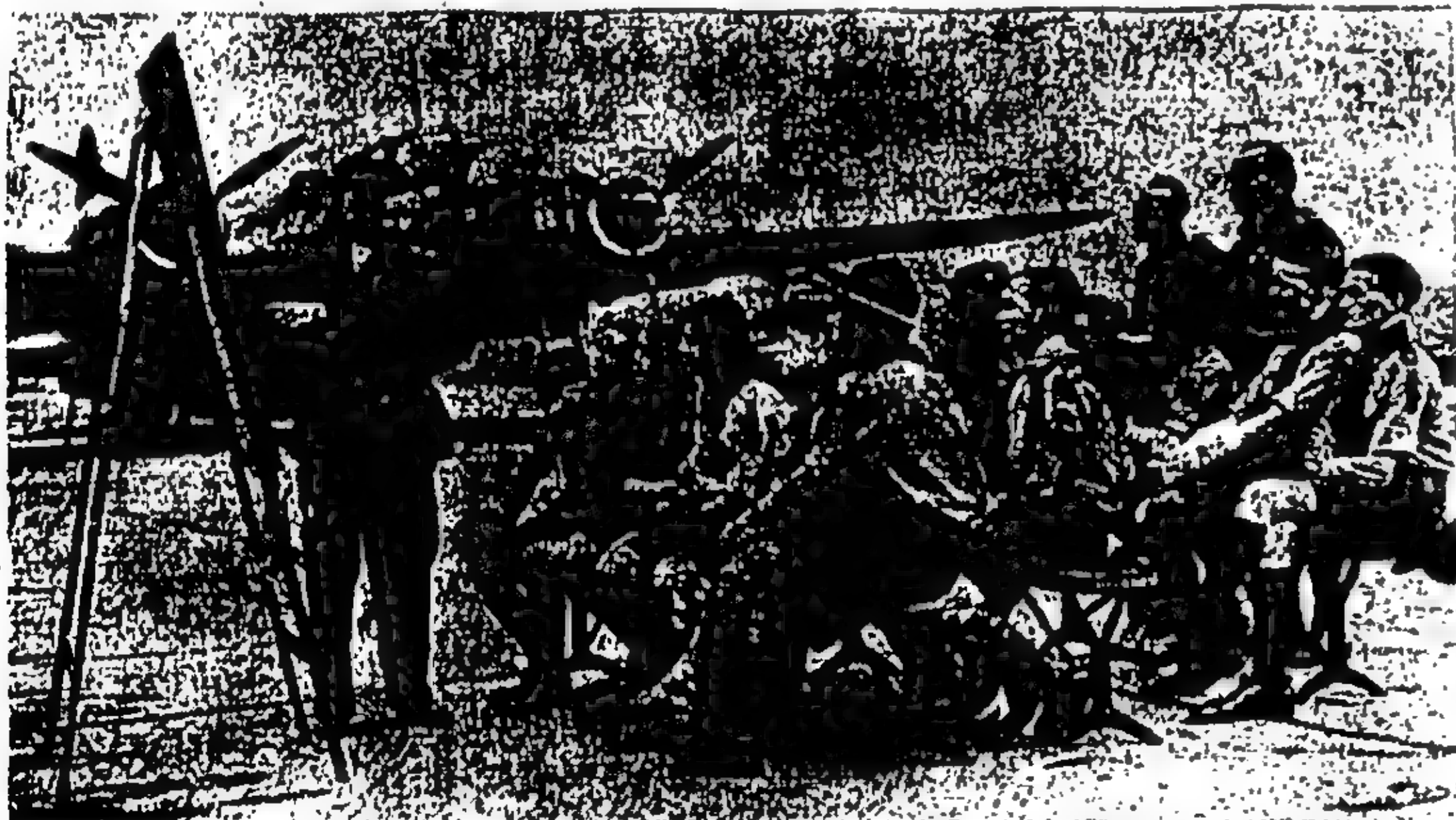
By George McManus



BOXERS ENTERTAIN THE ARMY.—Jock McAvoy, Jack Hyams, Dave Crowley, Kid Berg, Arthur Danahar, Peter Kane, and other famous professional boxers took part in a boxing tournament organised by the N.S.C. to entertain men of the Eastern Command on Sept. 29. Photo shows Arthur Danahar and his brother Alfred having their gloves tied on by A.T.S. girls. (Copyright, Fox).



The war is forgotten by these two happy saxophone players of the new army at Maidstone. (Copyright, Fox).



Flight-Lieut. F. Holman at the blackboard gives instructions and lessons to newly formed Air Scouts near Ipswich. (Copyright, Fox).

AMERICAN GOLD LOANS

Washington, To-day. Plans, which in two instances, are now almost in the negotiation stage, have been under study for three years to lend American gold to South American countries.

President Roosevelt has announced that the loans would be for the pur-

DANES WARN OFF NAZI AIRCRAFT

Copenhagen, To-day. Warning shots were fired yesterday by a Danish warship at two German seaplanes which were flying low over Danish territorial waters.

The seaplanes promptly flew off. — Reuter.

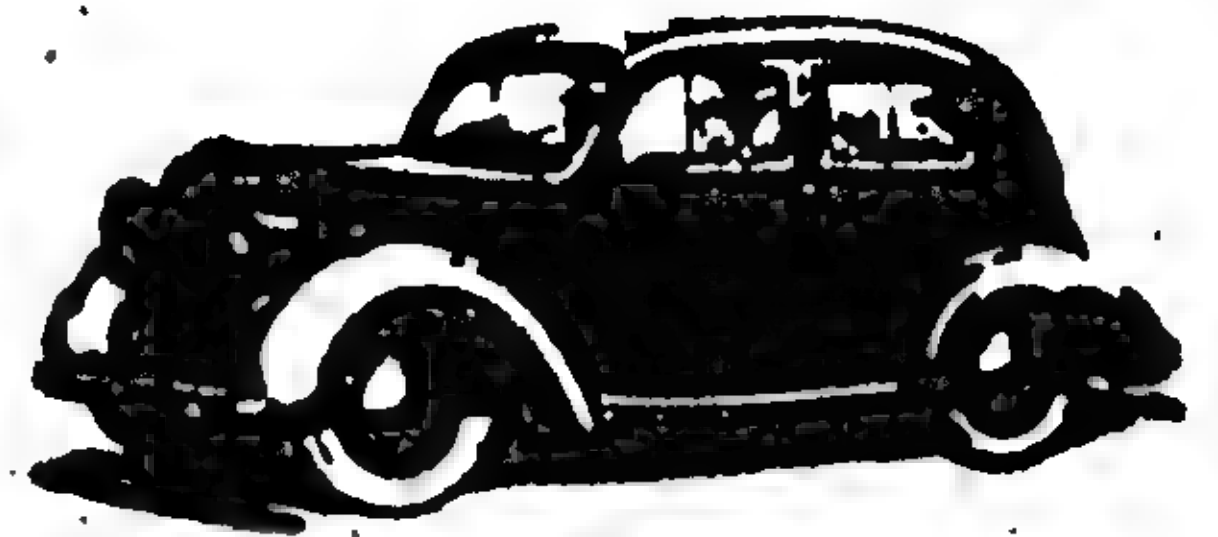
pose of stabilising credit facilities for Latin-American nations.—Reuter.

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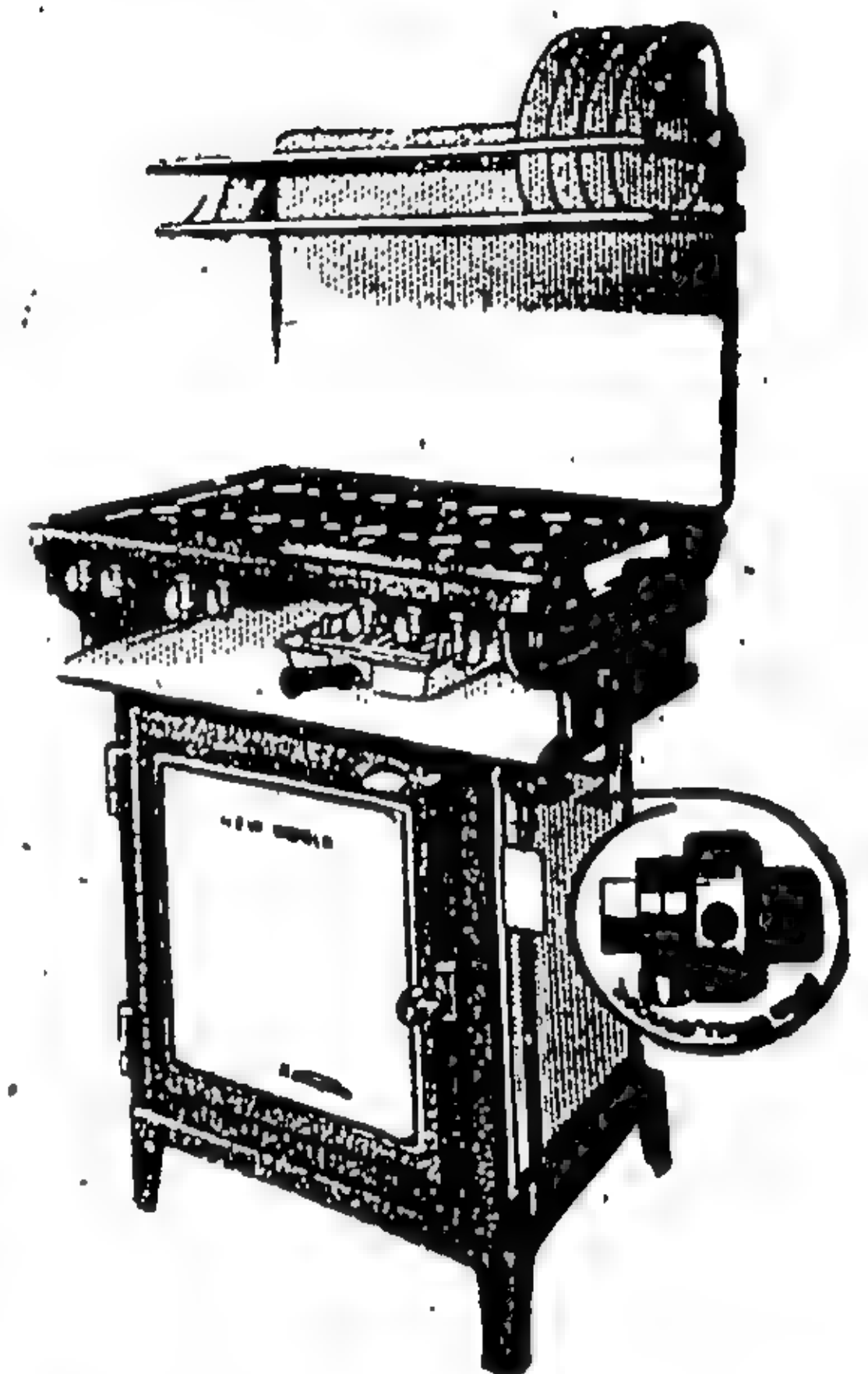
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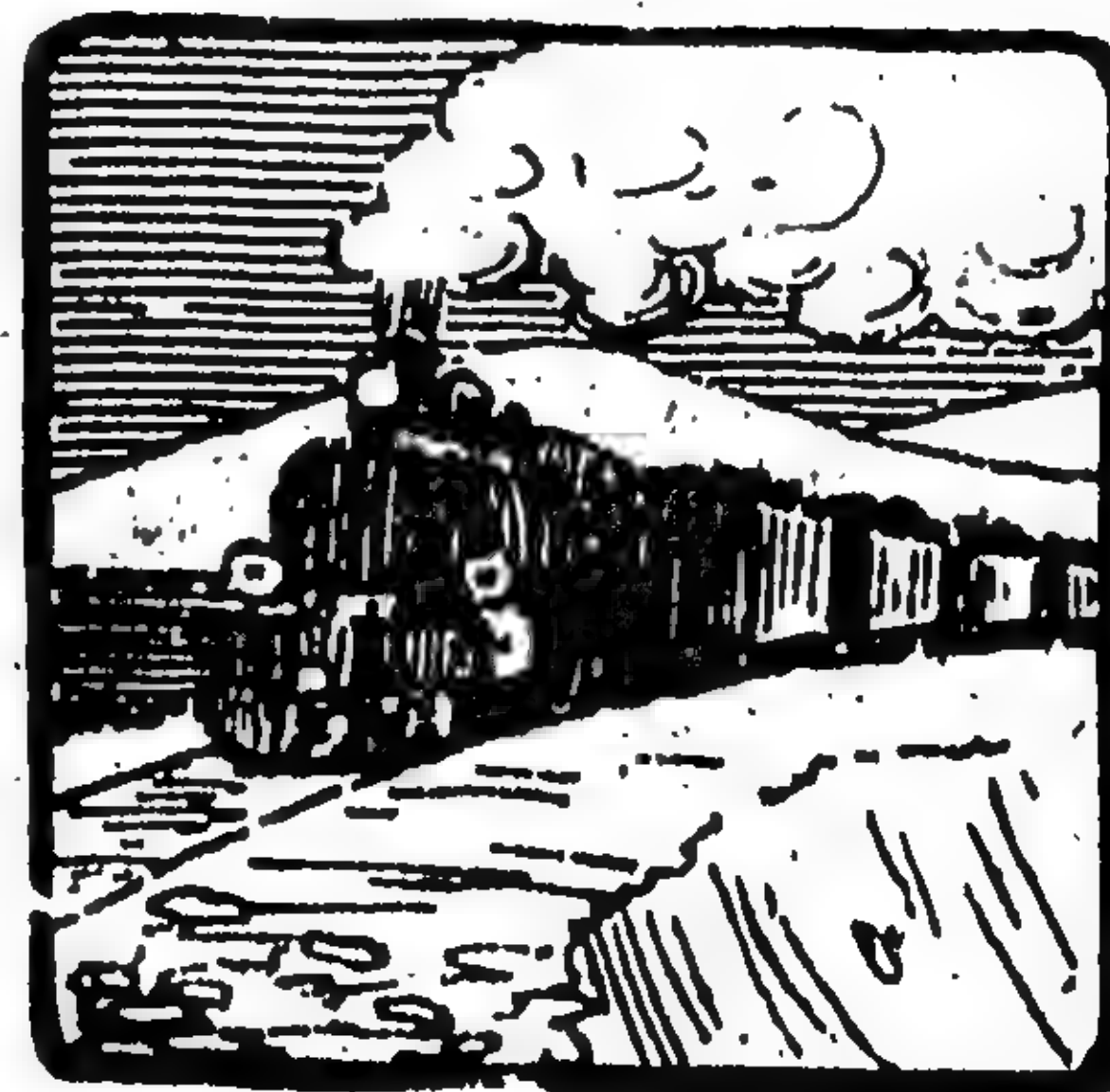
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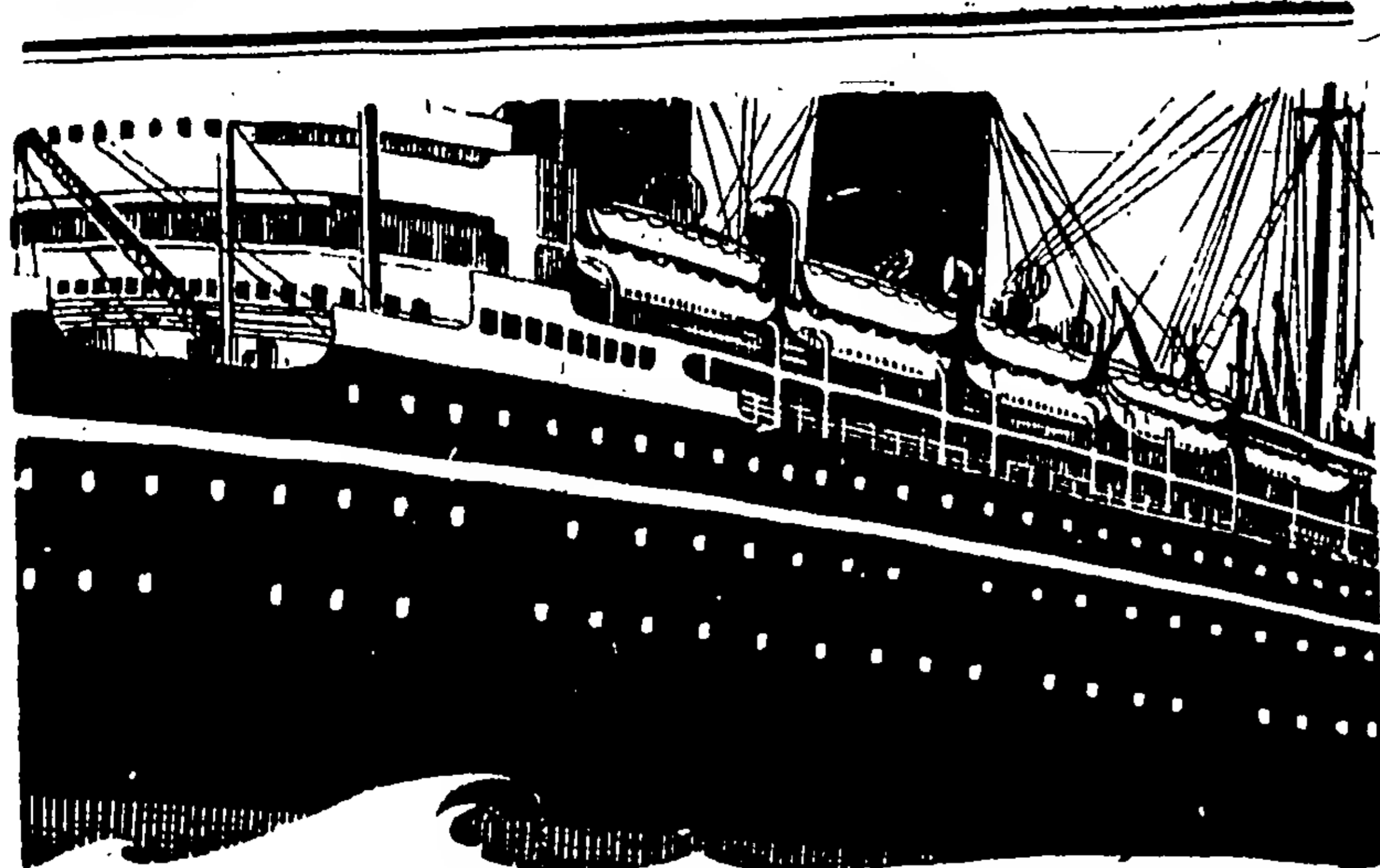
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Shanghai		Oct. 15, 9.00 a.m.
Sandakan		Oct. 15, 9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Fort Bayard		Oct. 16, 10.30 a.m.
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	G.P.O. Reg., Ord.,	Oct. 17, 5.00 p.m. Oct. 17, 7.00 p.m.
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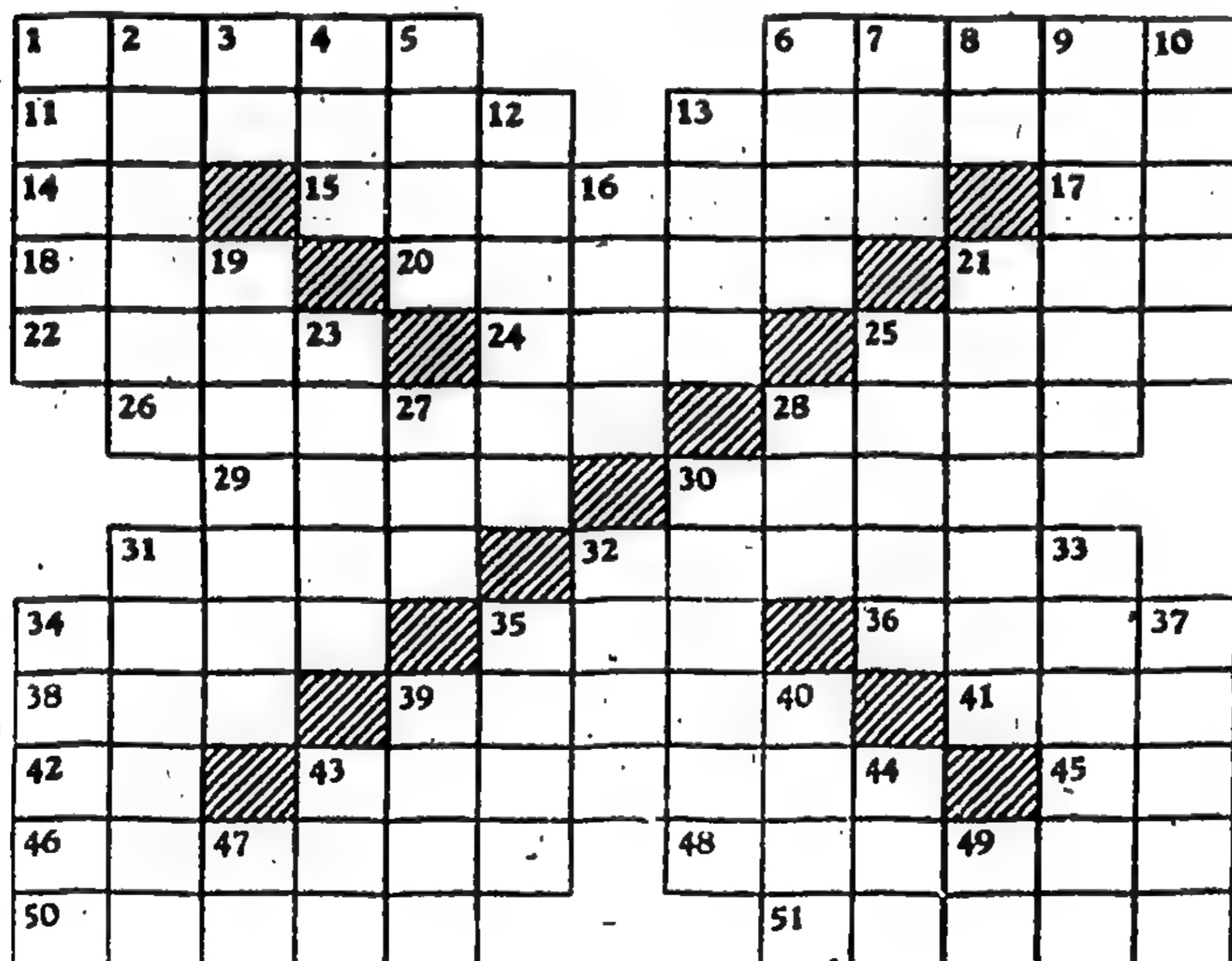
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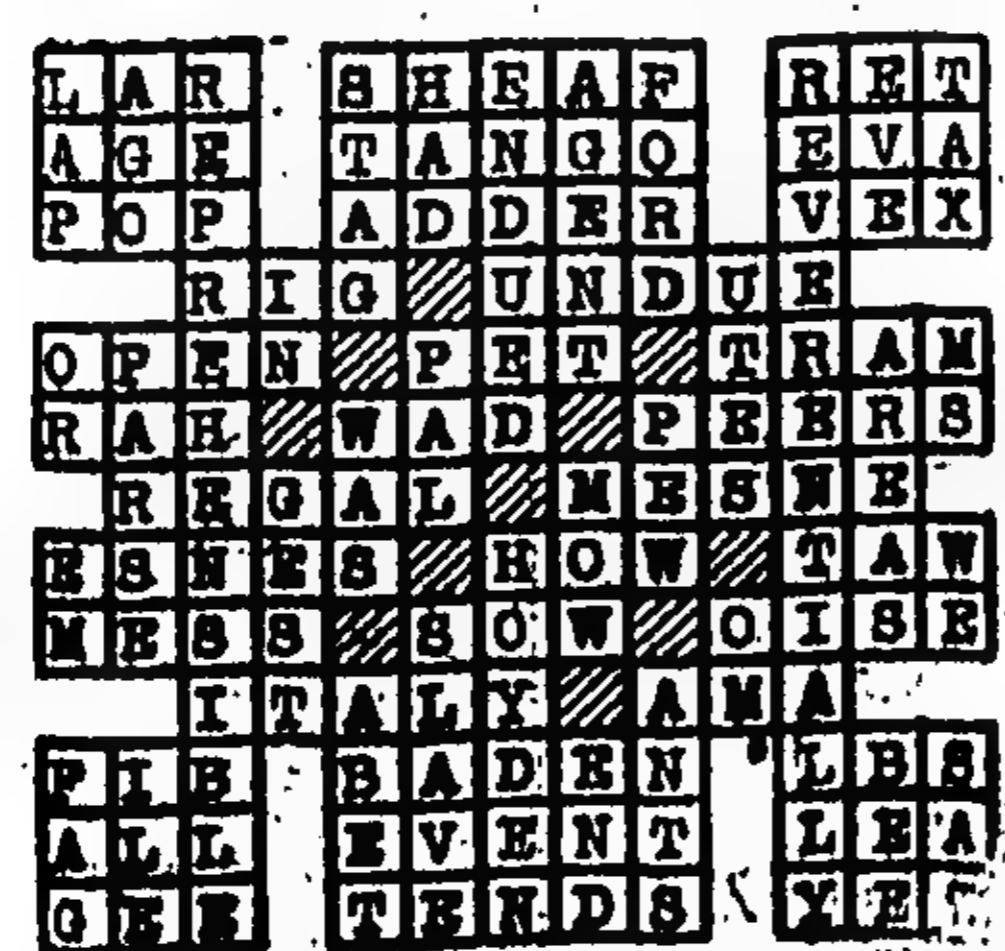
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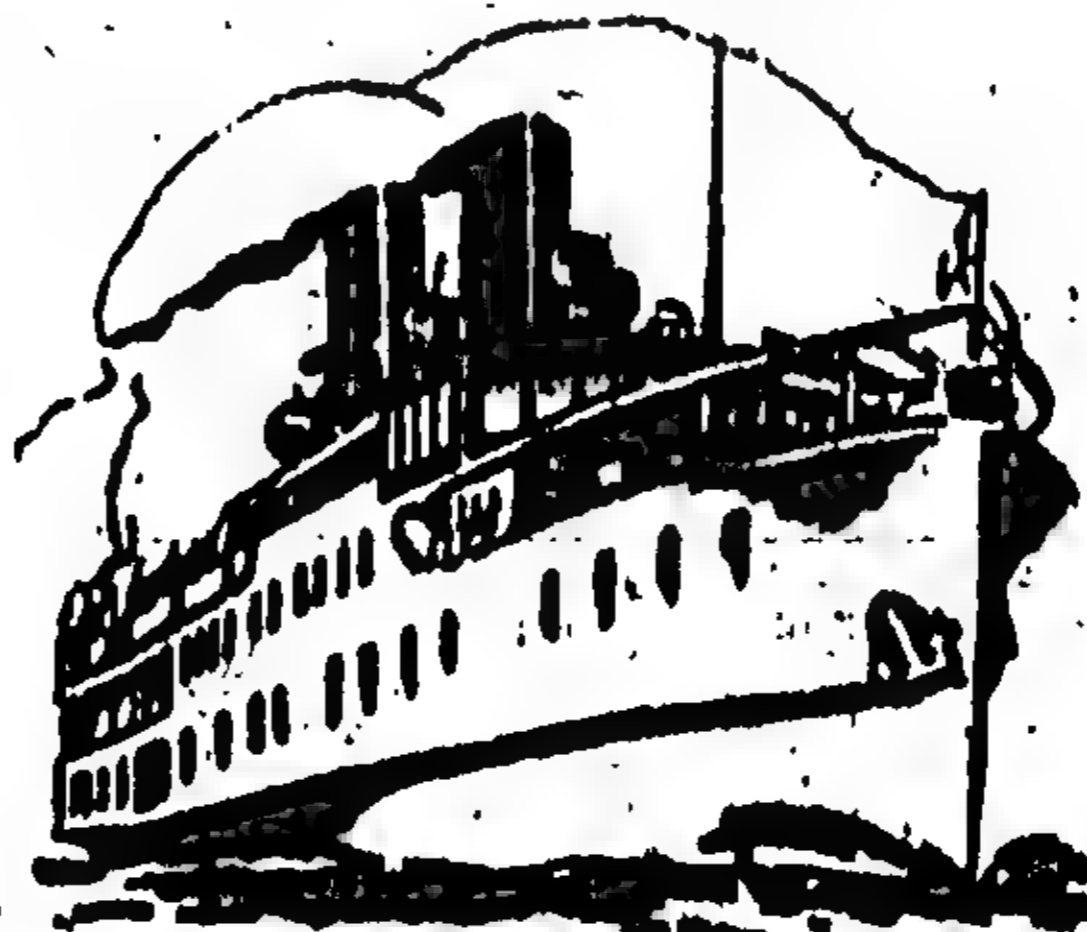
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AFFILIATED UNIT

NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D.C.

Lecture.—The next lecture on First Aid will be held on Friday 20th October in the St. John Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m.

Attachment.—The following were attached to the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, for training during the period shown:—Lady Masterton-Smith—28.8.39 to 4.9.39; Mrs. E. Tebbutt—28.8.39 to 4.9.39; Mrs. C. Addis-Martin—11.9.39 to 18.9.39; Mrs. H. T. Buxton—11.9.39 to 18.9.39; Miss H. Wolf—25.9.39 to 2.10.39; Miss M. W. Hutchison—25.9.39 to 2.10.39; Mrs. P. H. Mace—2.10.39 to 9.10.39; Miss S. A. V. Reeve—2.10.39 to 9.10.39. Strength-Increase.—Miss B. C. Stratton—24.9.39; Mrs. S. U. Sarel—4.10.39. Strength-Decrease.—Miss G. M. Thomas—13.10.39; Miss M. Brock—13.10.39. Sgd. Mrs. E. M. BEGG, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

An American Tennis tournament open to the Colony will be held at the Hong Kong Cricket Club on Sunday October 29, the entire proceeds of which will be donated to the British War Organisation Fund, under whose auspices the tournament is run.

Entries close next Saturday and should be sent to Mr. L. Goldman c/o Messrs. Gilman. The names of the partnership must be sent at the same time.

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The following have been chosen to represent India in the International Lawn Bowls Series.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18th.
A TALE of TWO CITIES
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THURSDAY, OCT. 19th.
TARZAN ESCAPES
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FRIDAY, OCT. 20th.
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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

COUNT ST. GERMAIN AND HIS ELIXIR OF LIFE

By VINCENT TOWNE

INTO the glare of the court of Louis XV, and of Pompadour in 1748, fell suddenly, as if from the skies, a fascinating stranger in middle life, but wonderfully well preserved, very handsome and very brilliant calling himself the Count of St. Germain. Such was his magnetism and power to dominate men and women that he was required neither to prove his title nor to account for his source of revenue. Having gained the confidence of the nobles and royal personages of the court, he let it be known that he had been born in the year 252 B.C. and that he had prolonged his years for two millenniums through his discovery of the elixir of life.

He chatted of personal experiences with Nero and Dante, and what led many to believe his claims was his accurate knowledge of all history, ancient and medieval, as well as modern, also his ability to converse fluently in every language whatever in which he was addressed.

To prove the potency of his elixir he is said to have given a draught of it to a woman, of 45, who became immediately transformed into a young maid of 16. He was rumoured to possess the secret of manufacturing not only gold but precious gems, and thus those who yielded to his charm accounted for his ready supply of money and the blaze of diamonds that always adorned his person.

It was as impossible to locate any estate or other legitimate source of his revenue as it was to prove him a gambler, swindler or spy. Mme. de Pompadour endeavoured to catch him napping, and when once in this spirit she asked him to describe Francis I., who had lived two centuries before, he replied:

"A good fellow, but too impulsive, I could have given him wise advice, but he would not listen to me."

Pompadour believed St. Germain to be really over a century old, because an old lady, Mme. de Cergy, whose husband had been ambassador to Venice, had told her that she remembered this same man of mystery at the Venetian court more than a half century before, when he had appeared just as he did now in Paris.

In the latter part of the 18th century he became the favourite companion of the landgrave Charles of Hesse.

There veiled the end of his career almost as much mystery as covered his birth, for although his death in Schleswig Holstein was announced in 1780, Grose, an eminent savant of the British Royal Society, afterward stated that he saw the "count" in a French prison during the reign of terror, while Lord Lytton in 1880 met a character who appeared to be his double, if not he himself, and there have since been intimations that he was the mysterious "Maj. Fraser," who at the court of Louis Napoleon, about 1855, was playing much the same role as had St. Germain at that of Louis XV. This "Major Fraser's" birth and nationality were as enigmatical as was the supply of his plethoric purse and he used to intimate that he lived with Nero and knew Dante personally.

Still others hinted that the mysterious Russian, who early in this century, penetrated into the forbidden kingdom of Thibet and there became the adviser of the Dalai Lama, was the same Count of Germain.

While in Germany, St. Germain met and initiated into Freemasonry one

who was destined to succeed him in the salons and courts of Europe as the world's chief man of mystery. This was none other than that human enigma "Count Alessandro di Cagliostro."




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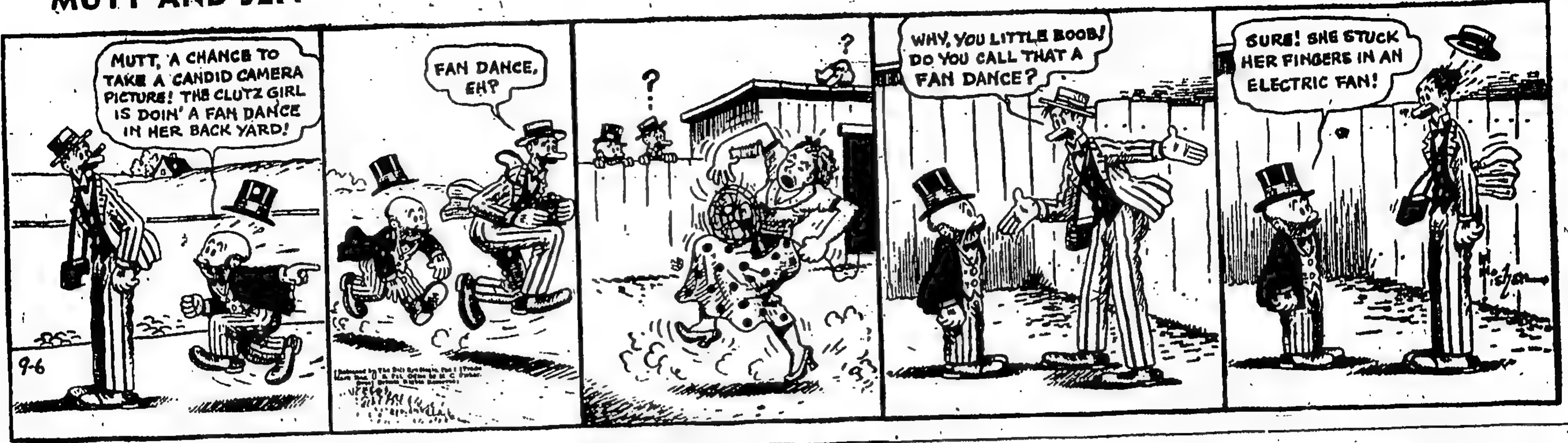
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12.30 p.m.—Gitta Alpar (Soprano) and Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Schubert—Sonata in A Minor for 'Cello & Piano. Emanuel Feuermann ('Cello) and Gerald Moore (Piano).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) and the Orchestra Mascotte.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).
6.10 p.m.—Mozart—Concertante Symphonie For Violin & Viola. Albert Sammons (Violin) and Lionel Tertis (Viola).
6.45 p.m.—London Relay—News Supplement.

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6.57 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
7.27 p.m.—De Groot & His Orchestra with Lily Pons (Soprano).
Till I Wake (from 'Indian Love Lyrics')—Amy Woodforde-Finden; The Temple Bells (from 'Indian Love Lyrics')—Amy Woodforde-Finden; De Groot & His Orchestra. I Love You (Grieg); Romance (Rubinstein)... De Groot & His Orchestra. I'm The Echo (film 'I Dream Too Much'); I Dream Too Much (from the film)... Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra. Under The Roofs of Paris

(from the film); In The Night (Tate)... De Groot & His Orchestra. Erstes Walzer—Potpourri (Robrecht).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Bizet—Symphony No. 1 in C Major. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
8.31 p.m.—Songs from Bizet's 'Carmen'.
The Flower You Threw To Me... Fernand Anseau (Tenor) with Orchestra. I Am Escamillo... F. Anseau (Tenor) and M. Journet (Bass) with Orchestra. Speak To Me Of My Mother; I might, perhaps, have been of a false fiend the prey... F. Heldy (Soprano) and F. Anseau (Tenor) with Orchestra.

8.48 p.m.—Light Orchestral... Classical Selection (arr. Ewing); Charm Of The Valse—Selection (arr. Winter)... The London Palladium Orchestra.
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera 'Casanova'—Selection (J. Strauss, arr. Benatzky)... New Mayfair Orchestra; 'Helen'—Vocal Gems (Offenbach—arr. Korngold)... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; Slaughter On Tenth Avenue (from 'On Your Toes')—Hart & Rodgers; Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orch.
9.55 p.m.—Local Sport Results.
10.00 p.m.—Grand Programme of Variety and Dance Music.
Novelty—Jack Hylton Throws A Party. Guests: Tommy Handley, Hilda Mundy and Billy Caryll, Peggy Dell, Tom Webster, Jack Barty, Nelson Keys, Freddie Fox, The Swingtette with Jack Hylton's Boys.
Fox-Trots—Who'll Buy My Bublitchki?; Joseph! Joseph!... Emery Deutsch & His Orchestra.
Piano—'Words and Music'—Medley... Rale Da Costa.
Tango—Caramba; Slow Fox-Trot—Gypsy Violin... Mantovani & His Tipica Orchestra.
Organ—Dixon Request Medley. Intro: I do like to be beside the Seaside; Blaze Away; Who Were you with last Night?; If You Were the Only Girl in the World; Teddy

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Vocal—Peter's Pop Keeps A Lollipop Shop; I'm An Old Cow-Hand from the Rio Grande... The Rocky Mountaineers accompanied by the Bunk House Boys.
Fox-Trots—What Will I Tell My Heart?; On A Little Bamboo Bridge... Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders.
Organ—Wedding of the Painted Doll (Brown); Medley Of Old Songs. Intro: Honeysuckle and the Bee; Whistling Coon; Daisy Bell; Pom-Tiddle-om-Pom; Silver Threads among the Gold; Let's all go down the Strand... Leslie James at the Organ of the Regent Cinema, London.
Waltz—The Whistling Waltz (from 'Limelight'); Fox-Trot—The Fleet's In Port Again... Billy Reid & His Accordion Band.
Violin—Always (from 'Puritan Lullaby'—Smith); Song of Paradise (King)... Albert Sandler assisted by J. Byfield (Piano), J. Sametini (Cello) and S. Torch (Organ).
Tango—El Adios Del Boyero; Rumba—Buscando Millionaria... Orquesta Tipica Roberto Firpo.
Vocal—The Piccolino (film 'Top Hat'); Cheek To Cheek (film 'Top Hat')... Ginger Rogers with Orch.
Slow Fox-Trot—This Is My Night 'To Dream (film 'Doctor Rhythm')'; Quickstep—There's Honey On The Moon To-night... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Vocal & Piano—My S.O.S. For You (film 'Soft Lights and Sweet Music'); Dirty Face (Hegan & Others)... Turner Layton.
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South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A 10
♥ 10 6 2
♦ J 7 5 3
♣ K 9 7 4 2
♠ 8 6
♥ K Q 4 3
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ 6 3 2
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♠ 7 5 4 3 2
♥ J 8
♦ 8 4
♣ Q J 6 3

♠ K Q J 9
♥ A 9 7 5
♦ A
♣ A 10 8 5
Mr. Schenken

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 1♦ 2♣ Pass
2♠ 3♦ Pass Pass
3♥ Pass 5♣ Pass
6♣ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass Pass Pass

West opened the King of hearts. Mr. Schenken won with the Ace and now decided that East's double could be based only on all four trumps. Accordingly, he went right after the spades, and when West showed out on the third lead, was able to get two discards of hearts. He now ruffed a heart low in dummy and played the four of clubs. East played the Jack and Mr. Schenken the

Ace. He now cashed his Ace of diamonds and led a third heart, which he trumped with dummy's seven-spot, and eventually lost but one trump trick to the Queen of clubs, thereby making his contract.

At the other table North and South contented themselves with a notrump game.

Yesterday, as David Bruce Burnstone's partner, you held:

♠ Q x x
♥ A x x
♦ Q x x
♣ K x x x

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone Jacoby You
1♥ 1♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades. Your partner almost surely has at least a five-card suit. If he has a good hand, your bid will encourage him to go on.
Score 100% for two spades, 60% for one notrump, 0 for pass.

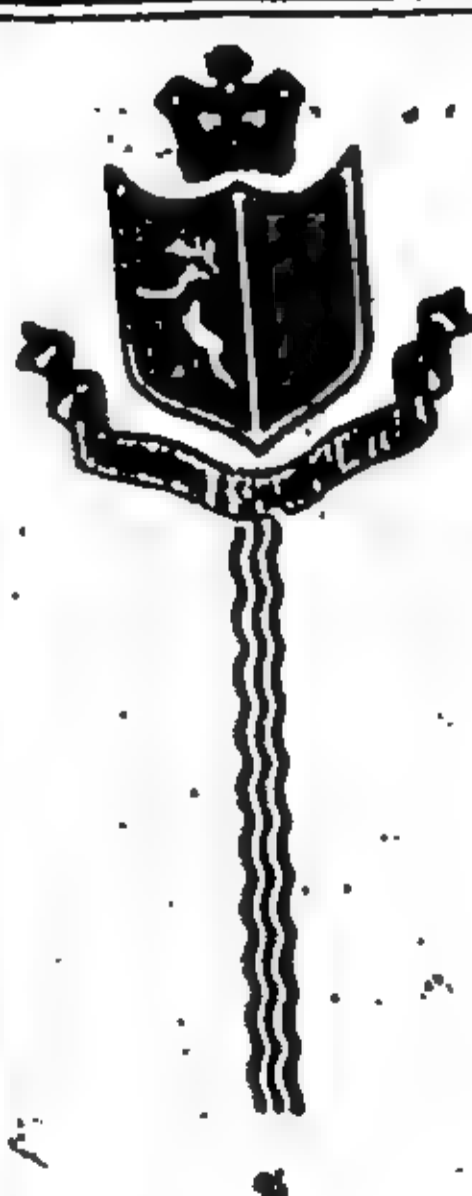
QUESTION NO. 231

Oswald Jacoby is your partner to-day, neither side is vulnerable, and you hold:

♠ x x
♥ x x
♦ K Q J x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby Burnstone You
1♥ Pass Pass (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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St. Joseph's Meet Eastern To-Morrow

BETTER AND MORE interesting football should be witnessed this week-end when a full programme of matches, featured by the first appearance of Middlesex Regiment, this season will be played.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

A large programme of trial and friendly hockey matches will be played this afternoon. Following are some of the fixtures:—

MEN	
Island (United Clubs).	v Mainland
(P.T.S. Ground, 4 p.m.).	
Y.M.C.A.	v Combined Hospitals
(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.).	
Y.M.C.A.	v Rajputana Rifles
(King's Park, 4.30 p.m.).	
WOMEN	
H.K. Ladies	v "Pandora"
(Happy Valley, 4 p.m.).	
Recreio	v St. Andrew's
(King's Park, 4 p.m.).	
D.G.S.	v St. Andrew's
(D.G.S., 3 p.m.).	
C.B.A.	v Trial
(King's Park, 3 p.m.).	
"Y" Ladies	v Trial
(King's Park, 3 p.m.).	

Y. M. C. A. HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches to-morrow:

1st XI v. Rajputana Rifles ("Y" ground), 4.30 p.m.—V. Benwell (Capt.), B. Gordon, E. Yurief, I. Kempton, R. Bates, D. Taylor, D. Smith, E. Fowler, M. Dunne, A. Austen and L. Coombe.
2nd XI v. Combined Hospitals (Army ground, Chatham Road), 4.30 p.m.—H.

All First Division games should be evenly contested, but the outstanding game should be at Boundary Street where the Police team are at home to South China "B".

Police have made one change from the team which drew with Royal Scots last week, Pile coming into the team in place of Hogart who has not yet become accustomed to local conditions.

South China encounter Royal Scots at Sookunpoo and though normally the Chinese should win comfortably Royal Scots should give them a good game. Last year the Scots drew with them at Sookunpoo.

Middlesex, on last year's form should beat Club, who have been very unfortunate since the start of the season as several players have suffered injuries.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

On Sunday, strengthened by the inclusion of A.V. Gosano, St. Joseph's meet Eastern at Caroline Hill and here a good game should be witnessed.

In Second Division a good game should be witnessed between 30th R.A. and Ordnance. Both sides have several good players, Flanders and Guy from the Gunners and Rides, Munton and Emberson from Ordnance.

Millington (Capt.), K. Moller, J. Tomlinson, H. Smits, D. Spare, K. Broch, L. Macey, R. Dormer, W. Stone, J. Greenberg and R. Baldwin.

Week-End Soccer Fixtures

The following are the Football Fixtures and appointments for the week-end:

TO-DAY	
First Division	
Club	v Middlesex
(Club at 4.30 p.m.).	
Referee:—Hinchliffe.	
Linesmen:—Omar and A. N. Other.	
Police	v S. China "B"
(Boundary Road at 4.30 p.m.).	
Referee:—Foster.	
Linesmen:—Wyper & Somerville.	
Royal Scots	v S. China "A"
(Sookunpoo, at 4.30 p.m.).	
Referee:—Goss.	
Linesmen:—Sze Po-wai & Carley	
Second Division "A"	
South China	v Club
(Caroline Hill at 3.00 p.m.).	
Referee:—Beard.	
Eastern	v Kit Chee
(Club at 3.00 p.m.).	
Referee:—Omar.	
8th R.A.	v 5th R.A.
(Stanley at 3.00 p.m.).	
Referee:—Banham.	
30th R.A.	v R.A.O.C.
(Stanley at 4.30 p.m.).	
Referee:—Ford.	
Second Division "B"	
R. Scots	v University
(Sookunpoo at 3.00 p.m.).	
Referee:—Dove.	
Police	v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Road at 3.00 p.m.).	

Referee:—Ip.	
R.A.F.	v Kowloon
(Chatham Road at 3.00 p.m.).	
Referee:—Minihan.	
Signals	v Engineers
(Chatham Road at 4.30 p.m.).	
Referee:—Stokes.	
Third Division	
5th R.A.	v R. Scots
(St. Joseph's at 3.00 p.m.).	
Referee:—Barretto.	
Kumaons R.	v R.A.S.C.
(Prince Edward Road at 3.00 p.m.).	
Referee:—Demee.	
TO-MORROW	
First Division	
Kwong Wah	v Royal Navy
(Boundary Road at 4.30 p.m.).	
Referee:—Clark.	
Linesman:—Ip and Stokes.	
St. Joseph	v Eastern
(Caroline Hill at 4.30 p.m.).	
Referee:—Mitchell.	
Linesmen:—Wilson and Gibson	
Third Division	
Electric	v 12th R.A.
(Club at 3.00 p.m.).	
Referee:—Edward.	
South China	v International
(Caroline Hill at 3.00 p.m.).	
Referee:—Silva.	
24th R.A.	v Signals
(Stanley at 4.30 p.m.).	
Referee:—Baker.	
R.A.M.C.	v Engineers
(Sookunpoo at 4.30 p.m.).	
Referee:—Horlock.	

SEVERAL CRICKET MATCHES TO-DAY

THE CRICKET SEASON is slowly but surely getting under way and this afternoon will see a number of teams in action for the first time.

As yet clubs have not drawn up complete fixture-lists and it is difficult to ascertain what matches actually are being played.

There should be considerable interest in the match at Sookunpoo between Army and Indian Recreation Club. Whilst one has been able to gather a certain amount of information about Army—they have had a trial or two—I.R.C. have not yet been in action although I have been told that their team will be little different from last year.

CHAMPIONS IN ACTION

The champions, Club de Recreio, will be opposed to R.A.F. and should not be unduly extended. The airmen have not a very powerful side and were well beaten a short while ago by Central British School.

In passing, I might mention that C.B.S. now have the services of a new boy called Wellor, who has just come out from Reading School. I am told that he is a class batsman, who has evidently been carefully coached. His first match for the School was against R.A.F. and he took a really polished 50 or so off quite a fair attack, which included a fast bowler of some pace who was getting up awkwardly.

A fairly respectable-looking Club "A" side is entertaining a Civil Service "A" eleven, while the second eleven of Army and I.R.C. will also clash at Sookunpoo.

K.C.C. juniors are entertaining Royal Navy, the composition of whose side should be interesting.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

Recreio	v R.A.F.
I.R.C.	v Army
H.K.C.C.	v C.S.C.C.

JUNIOR GAMES

K.C.C.	v R.A.F.
Army	v I.R.C.
C.B.S.	v C.S.C.C.

H.K.C.C.:—L. T. Ride, (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, T. V. N. Fortescue, H. J. D. Lowe, G. E. B. Divett, D. S. Robb, R. M. M. King, D. de S. Carey and E. Bannister.
Recreio:—A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), E. L. Gosano, W. A. Reed, H. L. Osozo, N. A. Beltrao, A. M. Prata, F. H. Carvalho, R. Soares, H. A. Barros, J. E. Noronha and H. M. Xavier.

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—W. Mulcahy, S. A. Gray, G. A. V. Hall, R. Baldwin, H. A. J. Simpson, G. A. Goodban, F. J. Lay, G. G. Davies, R. T. Broadbridge, C. Walker, H. A. Harding and E. Curtis.

Army:—Capt. C. M. Gough (Capt.), Major J. B. Huxley, Capt. D. C. M. Gough, Lt. M. P. Woodon, Lt. C. M. M. Main, Lt. J. T. Shipworth, Q. M. B. Paterson, Sgt. Denyer, Lt. Dr. Logan and Pte. Hatfield.

Army and XI:—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (Capt.), Major W. G. Harvey, Major G. H. Templer, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Capt. A. B. Whitham, S/Mt. Gardner, Lt. H. Brackenberry, Cpl. Webb, Cpl. Maddy, Spr. Bailey and Spr. Hatfield.

An interesting bowls match is being staged at the Bowling Alley to-morrow evening. U.S.S. Gold Star, which leave Hong Kong on Monday, will play U.S.S. Tulsa.



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IMPORTANT 2ND DIVISION MATCH TO-DAY

The remaining games in the Second and Third Division of the Lawn Bowls League will be played this afternoon,

SOLDIERS' CLUB BILLIARDS

Result of the semi-final round of the "Soldiers Club" Billiard Tournament played on Thursday at the Soldiers' Club, is as follows:—

ROYAL SIGNALS	
Sgt. Binningsley	112
Sgt. Medford	125
L/Cpl. Pitcher	141
Sgt. Hutchinson	161
Sgt. Blackenbury	161
L/Cpl. Murphy	150
Sgt. Morgan	90
Cpl. Blount	200

H.K.V.D.C.	
Pte. M. M. da Silva	200
Pte. L. A. Rocha	200
Pte. J. F. V. Ribeiro	200
Cpl. F. P. Sequeira	200
Pte. A. A. Remedios	200
Cpl. J. C. Remedios	200
L/Cpl. A. P. Pereira	192
Sgt. J. D. Remedios	1592

L/Cpl. A. P. Pereira made a break of 59.
Pte. M. M. Silva made a break of 32.

when the much disputed Craigen-gower-Civil Service Cricket Club Second Division game will be played and the abandoned match between the Yacht Club and the Football Club will be continued.

Much depends on the outcome of the Second Division encounter as a win for the Civil Servants will enable them to force a play-off with the Police Recreation to decide which team will be relegated.

R.H.K.Y.C. BOWLS TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Yacht Club against Hong Kong Football Club.

C. B. Brown, L. E. N. Ryan, G. E. Costello, B. E. Haughan (skip).

P. S. Cassidy, E. Hospes, R. H. Wild and A. Nissim (skip).

W. A. Cornell, W. J. Hansen, A. S. Mitchell, and A. W. Brown (skip).

SPORTS PARADE

THE performance of Drake in goal for the Association team in the Charity football game on Tuesday showed that there must be other players in the different clubs in First Division who have not received any recognition in charity and representative games.

Had the Officer in charge of sports not sent Drake down as a reserve in place of Jackson, who was not at the last moment able to turn out, it would have taken a long time before Drake would have caught the eye of the selectors of future teams.

It is known that for some time past a team from the rest of the Clubs has seldom beaten a combined Chinese team. This is due not to the individual inferiority of the Rest team to the Chinese side but because the latter have the better understanding and combination—a factor very essential in football.

There are a number of players in First Division and even in the Junior division which could hold their own in a representative game if given a chance and it is hoped that they will be given this chance in the future.

Some such players worthy of consideration for future games are Cooper (Middlesex), Wilkinson (Middlesex), Tait (Middlesex), Marrabel (Middlesex), Guv (30th R.A.), Rides (Ordnance), Naysmith (Royal Scots), Fleming (Royal Scots) and Gordon (Royal Scots); Everest (Kowloon), W. Knox (Kowloon), Maxwell (Kowloon) and V. White (Kowloon); Gough (Police) and Fan Kwai-chol (Police). Forrow (Club), Kew (Club), J. Pereira (St. Joseph's) and L. F. Souza (St. Joseph's).

A team chosen from the majority of the above might not possibly beat a Combined

Chinese team but they would not be disgraced, and, in addition, the Public would be given a chance of seeing more new faces in big games.

THE success which attended the school-boys' charity game last Tuesday has prompted the organisers to stage another such fixture when the next charity game is played, probably on November 11.

General admiration was expressed at the sporting manner in which the game was played and the high standard of soccer witnessed.

It is intended to give more schoolboys a chance in the next game and it is understood that a height limit will be introduced in order to balance the sides and make the game more evenly contested.

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Electric Football Team to-day.

Hong Kong Electric:—A. M. Quinn; Lo Hon-cheong and J. K. Sloan; Tang Kin-chee, R. M. V. Ribeiro and H. Ahmed, W. E. Peers, J. Roscoe, A. G. Gardner, J. Gomes and M. Sabhan.

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ON THE SPOT AND KNOWING IT?

Berlin, To-day.
"Only the United States can now still intervene and prevent the most horrible shambles in history," declared Dietrich, head of the Nazi press section, in a statement to foreign correspondents in Berlin.

Dietrich added that Britain, through the mouth of Mr. Chamberlain, only dared to give her shameless answer to Hitler because she relies on help from the United States.

The United States can finish the war if they unambiguously tell Britain that they will not support her until efforts are first made to settle the bones of contention at a conference.

"I FEEL SURE"

"I feel sure that Hitler would even now delay giving the order for beginning the Western campaign on a gigantic scale if there were any indications that President Roosevelt would tell Mr. Chamberlain that he must express willingness to meet Hitler at a conference table!

"Mr. Chamberlain is determined, as his speech shows, to exterminate the German nation but let us see who will be exterminated."

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"It would be easier for Germany to blockade England than for England to starve Germany."

The German News Agency states that Dietrich made the statement after a conference with Hitler lasting several hours.—Reuter.

GERMANS INACTIVE: LULL BEFORE STORM?

Paris, To-day.

Despite the splendid weather of Thursday and a fine clear night, German activity in the past 24 hours has been almost nil on the whole front.

There have been a few raids and no apparent drive behind them. Artillery has also been distinctly less active.

Military observers are asking whether this is the lull before the storm.

Meanwhile French patrols have been active and have ambushed several parties of Germans in the Haardt Forest.—Reuter.

"FOGGY AND RAINY"

A communique issued yesterday evening states that the weather at the front has been foggy and rainy.

There has been little activity on the front.

South of Pirmasen, the enemy sent out several patrol reconnaissance parties which had to withdraw without obtaining any results.—Reuter.

SIR JOHN DILL PROMOTED

London, To-day.

It is announced in the "Gazette" that Lieutenant-General Sir John Dill, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who is in command of the First Army Corps in France, has been promoted to the rank of General.—Reuter.

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Suspected of having deserted, two seamen have been reported missing from their ship, the m.v. Formosa, since 1 p.m. yesterday. The seamen are L. Jamcdahper Gigread, 32, and Stennson Suen Ragnar, 24.

Attacked by a cat yesterday afternoon, a 7-year-old Chinese lad, Lui Chi-ho, residing at No. 71, Kilung Street, Shamshuipo, has been admitted to Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to his left leg.

The cat has been sent to Mataukok for observation.

Changsha, To-day.

Chinese troops continue to exert pressure on Yoyang, 88 miles north of Changsha in north Hunan.

Yanglowsze, 37 miles northeast, was recaptured at dawn yesterday. Pailoki, across the River, where the Japanese military supplies at Yoyang had been removed, was bombed by Chinese planes.—Central News.

New York, To-day.

Operations in the Chrysler factories are virtually at a standstill, with 62,000 hands idle.

A general strike throughout the whole of the Corporation's plants, which will affect 70,000 workers, is threatened next week, and discussions regarding the Union of Automobile Workers' new contract demands are under way.—Reuter.

Chungking, To-day.

Towns in Hunan and Szechwan spent nervous day yesterday on account of Japanese ruthless air raids.

Yuanling, in western Hunan, was subjected to two attacks by 18 and 15 machines, which dumped many high explosives.

Nanchwan, near the Kweichow border, suffered heavily. Demolition and incendiary bombs were rained at random by 18 Japanese planes. Over 100 civilians were either killed or maimed, and several fires were started, devastating a vast area.

Another fleet of 36 machines raided Liangshan, dropping many deadly missiles indiscriminately.—Central News.



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